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1. "VAIL GROUP" HELD ITS FIRST REALLY SUBSTANTIVE MEETING MARCH 11. ARGENTINE PERM REP ORTIZ CONTINUED IN LEADERSHIP ROLE, WITH USYG BRAD MORSE AND IRANIAN PERM REP HOVEYDA ALSO PROMINENT.

2. PROPOSAL TO HAVE EACH GA ELECT BUREAU FOR ITS SUCCESSOR BEFORE ADJOURNING DEVELOPED CONSIDERABLE MOMENTUM. SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS SUGGESTED BUREAU BE ELECTED IN DECEMBER TO SERVE FROM JAN 1. THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD ENABLE GENERAL COMMITTEE TO MEET EARLY IN YEAR TO WORK OUT AGENDA FOR SESSION TO BEGIN FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER. IT WAS FORESEEN THAT OTHER COMMITTEES MIGHT ALSO DO PRELIMINARY WORK BEFORE SEPTEMBER. MORSE WILL PRESENT STAFF STUDY ON SUBJECT AT NEXT MEETING OF GROUP SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 24.

3. ORTIZ SAID HE EXPECTED AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING TO PRESENT PROPOSALS FOR ENCOURAGING DELEGATIONS TO TABLE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS WELL IN ADVANCE OF GA OPENING INSTEAD OF SAVING THEM FOR DRAMATIC PRESENTATION DURING GENERAL DEBATE. HOVEYDA HAS IN MIND PRESSING FOR RULE CHANGE THAT WOULD OBLIGE DELEGATIONS ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIP IN ANY GA COMMITTEE TO PARTICIPATE

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REGULARLY OR LOSE THEIR SEATS. OTHER PARTICIPANTS DISCUSSED

WAYS TO SHORTEN GA GENERAL DEBATE. ONE DEVICE RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IS POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING CONCLAVE OF FONMINS, PERHAPS BIENNIALY, BEFORE OPENING OF GA, WITH GA GENERAL DEBATE CONFINED TO BRIEF, BUSINESS-LIKE STATEMENTS BY PERM REPS.

4. BRAD MORSE, WITH WHOM WE SHALL CONTINUE TO STAY CLOSELY IN TOUCH, HAS ASSIGNED A NUMBER OF RELEVANT STUDIES TO HIS STAFF. NOW IN PRODUCTION ARE AN INTERPRETATION OF GA RULES, AN INVENTORY OF GA ORGANS STILL ON THE BOOKS; AND VARIOUS INTERNAL MANAGEMENT POSSIBILITIES.

5. COMMENT: VAIL GROUP HAS NO STATUS AND WILL BE EFFECTIVE ONLY IF ITS MEMBERS PURSUE IDEAS DEVELOPED THERE THROUGH REGIONAL GROUPS OR OTHER RECOGNIZED CHANNELS. WE ARE TAKING GROUP SERIOUSLY, HOWEVER, AS THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY THAT IT CAN PRODUCE RESULTS WHERE PREVIOUS COMMITTEES SEEKING TO RATIONALIZE GA PROCEDURES HAVE FAILED. WHILE NOT ALL OF STEPS GROUP MIGHT STIMULATE WOULD BE TO OUR LIKING, LEADERSHIP OF ORTIZ DE ROZAS PROVIDES SOME PROTECTION AGAINST POSSIBLE ABUSE OF RUMP GROUP BY RADICALS OF ANY PERSUASION.
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